

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION**

BARBARA FORMAN, Individually and On  
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,  
Plaintiff,

v.

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC., JOHN A.  
KRAEUTLER, and MELISSA A. LEUKE,  
Defendants.

Case No.: 1:17-cv-774 SJD

Judge Susan J. Dlott

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF  
DATE TO ANSWER, PLEAD, OR  
MOVE PURSUANT TO PRIVATE  
SECURITIES LITIGATION  
REFORM ACT**

Based upon the Joint Motion for Extension of Date to Answer, Plead, or Move Pursuant to Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, it is hereby ordered as follows:

- 1) Pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4 (the "Reform Act"), the Court initially will address the issue of who shall serve as lead plaintiff in this action or any consolidated action of which it becomes a part.
- 2) The time for Defendants to answer, plead, or otherwise move in response to the complaint is extended indefinitely as provided herein.
- 3) Following the appointment of the lead plaintiff, lead plaintiff will file an amended complaint applicable to this action and any other actions with which it may be consolidated. No answer, pleading, or motion in response to the complaint should be filed until after the lead plaintiff files an amended complaint.
- 4) After the lead plaintiff is appointed by the Court, counsel for the lead plaintiff and Defendants will meet and confer on a proposed schedule for the filing of lead plaintiff's amended complaint and Defendants' time to answer, plead, or otherwise move in response to the amended complaint and will present an agreed order to that effect to the Court.

SO ORDERED.

  
Judge Susan J. Dlott

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